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Hey Tara, thanks for letting us know. Generally, anything that comes directly to the project manager is something you can reply to. And your reply would be just fine! If ever you get things that are addressed to the RD or the Director, and cc'd to PM, you should just sit on it. Those often need formal replies from Omaha or DC.

Glad to hear the Association is getting the word out.

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